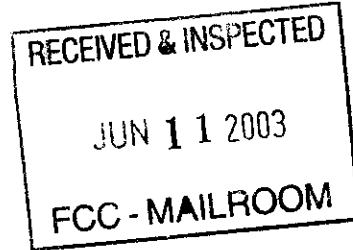


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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that BEK Communications Cooperative will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

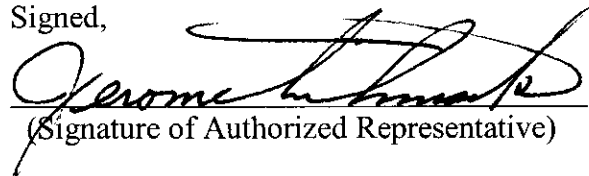
I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below.

Company Name
BEK Communications Cooperative

State
ND

Study Area Code
1604

Signed,



(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Date: 6-5-03

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